

Stick Staff Attends Conference

DR. HERLIHY SPEAKS OVER STATION W C O P

President Charles M. Herlihy spoke under the auspices of the State Department of Education, over station W C O P the afternoon of Monday April 26. The subject of his talk was "State Summer School Courses" for Teachers and he stressed the following points.

The high standards of the public schools of Massachusetts are based on two significant factors; adequate public support for budgets and the professional preparation of 24,000 teachers in state and local school departments.

During the past thirty years the teachers in this state have shown a commendable interest in improving their work by attendance at summer schools. Dr. Herlihy then sketched briefly the

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BASEBALL SEASON OPENS HERE MAY 11

Inclement weather delayed the opening of our baseball season last Wednesday. The team was to play host to the New Britain Teachers College. The team was in good shape and had prospects of opening their season in an auspicious manner.

Coach Fergues has been holding some stiff practice sessions and the selection of the squad members was only with extreme difficulty. Among the most promising of the new squad members is the new Freshmen. Those who received suits Wednesday were Captain Paul Foye, Milt Jeffrey,

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RATCLIFFE, TRANSCRIPT FEATURE EDITOR, TO SPEAK

Donald Lytle, editor-in-chief of The Stick, and twenty staff assistants are today attending the third semi-annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Teachers College Publications Association in Bridgewater. The Association's Executive Board sends word that delegates are expected from eight of the ten Teachers Colleges in the State.

It is the purpose of the Association "to foster, develop, and elevate the State Teachers College press in Massachusetts." And, as Andrew Owens, associate editor, has stated: "to eventually include all teacher-training institutions in New England."

The meeting of the Association was held in Salem, and resulted in the adoption of a constitution

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THE WEEK'S SCHEDULE

APRIL 30—MAY 9

Vacation

MAY 10—MAY 16

MONDAY

- 12:30—Women's Gov't Council
- 2:00—Election—Class Meetings
- 3:00—W. A. A. Swimming
Gardner Pool
- 3:15—Baseball Practice

TUESDAY

- 11:05—Assembly—Dr. Herlihy
- 3:00—Tennis
- 3:00—Debate—Fitchburg vs.
Nichols away
- 4:00—Softball
- 4:15—Baseball

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FITCHBURG AUDIENCE APPRECIATES SANDBURG

A capacity audience of students and visitors were privileged to hear the music-laden voice of Carl Sandberg at the Teachers College Auditorium on the evening of April 27th.

Introduced as one of the leaders in the field of literature, the famed poet, his deep, vibrating voice capturing the respectful attention of all, commented briefly on a serious omission he discovered in the works of some literary notables of the past. Eminent writers, Shakespeare among them, failed, in his opinion to extend their efforts toward truthful representations of the lives of the peasants - the great masses of people.

From that thesis, Mr. Sandberg turned to his most recently

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TWENTY GIRLS GO ON TREASURE HUNT HIKE

The pursuit of folded bits of paper which were hidden away under rocks and debris finally brought an excited group of about twenty treasure-seekers to their destination, on Monday, April 26th.

The trail had been previously marked by Adah Parker, head of hiking, who planned the hike very carefully and ingeniously planted the notes along the way.

Ruthie Hughes, Eleanor Scully, and Anna Clifford were among several who led the way up Rindge Road, down by the rifle range, across to the under pass, and then along the road again

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LET THERE BE MORE

Sandburg's Gaveleer-sponsored program set a new high for Sate Teachers College presentations. It now rests with us either to diminish or increase the advances made. Fitchburg needs all possible contact with the best, not the better, minds. She has, to date, woefully neglected the aesthetic and cultural.

The announcement of poet Coffin's presence on May the twenty-first is a heartening sign. Perhaps the Teachers College is entering into a new era of appreciation. Certainly, if we are to refer to our alma mater as a College, our enthusiasm must be kindled more often for the so-called better things.

THAT IS WAR

"Mother"—
 That was his last word,
 Then he died.
 That night
 Poppies, pinks, roses
 Lay on cold black earth,
 Which covered
 A clean-limbed
 Youth, a patriot,
 Killed by his fellow men.
 That is War.

—Don Lytle

THE ASH TRAY

By John Lavelle

Whew! Those past three weeks went like gossip at an old maid's convention and here we are back again to strain your eyes, grate your nerves and upset your otherwise salubrious metabolism.

The poignant pen is poised and now to go from the abstract to the concrete, we unburden our mind and indulge in a little hisstry making... 'Tis rumored that Mr. Randall has lost his reputation for veracity with the advent of the trout season... **Personal nomination** for the Pulitzer Prize: That intermission after the first scene of the Juniors' presentation at that recent Dramatic Club meeting... **Incidentally**, we were glad to be back with the literati as well as the literate, that other column... 'Tis said: "The best substitute for brains is silence" Now you'll understand when people tell you to "shut up"... **One that bears repetition**: Rooney (after a hurried trip from Worcester) "Whee! Don't you feel glad to be alive?"... Akroyd: "Glad isn't the word for it. I'm amazed"... **Hop Tew It**, the timely tipster, says "People and pins are useless when they lose their heads"...

Then there's the man who wanted to be a hero to his valet and had to take the job himself... **Personal surmise**: That the vacation at hand will upset all existing laws of Nature and science by having son-rise occur at about twelve noon... **Excuse for murder**: Those gusty puns of airy nothingness that vacuum-headed punsters are wont to make of "Gone With the Wind"... **Formula**: For success, keep your eyes open and your mouth shut. For eating grapefruit, reverse the process... **Candid rhyme gleaned from somewhere**: "Early to bed, early to rise, and your girl will go out with some livelier

STUDENT OPINION

QUESTION:

Do you think that the group of senior men who are responsible for disturbances in assembly are funny?

First I was amused along with them for theirs was a healthful kind of interest; then I tried to ignore them and make excuses for them to myself and to other people: now, I think they've forgotten common decency and politeness. —E. A. C.

I think that it's all right for them to laugh heartily at something that is really funny to them but I think they have been rude and unnecessarily boisterous when we have had visitors. —E. F.

There's a limit to everything and some of them don't know it. —D. S.

I don't think they are funny. When there is something to laugh at they would laugh, otherwise they might at least be their age. —E. C.

guys"... **And now to close** with one of the better local quips, to-wit: "She's one of those girls who actually believes that man is made of dust—gold-dust."

CAREY AND NORTON TO BE SENIOR MARSHALLS

George Cary was elected to act as head marshall for Class Day, and Robert Norton was elected Senior Class marshall at the Senior Class meeting Monday.

Final plans for the Senior Prom, May 14, at the Wachusett Country Club were announced. The Prom is to be in the form of a Dinner Dance and all Seniors are expected to be present.

Work is being done by committees on Alumni Day and the class gift. Further developments will be given out later.

BASEBALL

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Bill Bauer, Holly Moore, George Forgues, Harry Moore and Ken Ladner veterans and Don McNeil, Walter Harrod, Kal Kansanniva, Gene Ciavola, Henry Kusciuosko, Tom Sweeney, Chet Bercume, Paul Frizell and Walter Vorse.

The schedule includes five home games and four games away, it is the best schedule that has been arranged by the college in many a year. The game that was carded for Wednesday has been postponed and no definite date has been set as yet for it.

The schedule:—

- April 28 New Britain T. C. here postponed
- May 11 Keene Normal here
- May 15 Alumni here
- May 19 Lowell Textile away
- May 22 Keene Normal away
- May 26 Assumption away
- May 29 Bridgewater away
- June 2 Assumption here
- June 5 Salem T. C. (pending) here

DR. HERLIHY

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programs of summer school courses which will be offered under four state auspices in July and August at these colleges: Amherst, North Adams, Hyannis, and Fitchburg.

The distinctive features of the Fitchburg Teachers College program this summer center around the courses leading to the degree of Master of Education. Six courses will be offered by trained specialists who hold Doctor's degrees or the equivalent. This graduate work will be in the fields of Education, English, and History.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 23, Dr. Herlihy spoke at the conference of Junior and Senior High School principals in Framingham, and in the evening he spoke in Gardner. He is also serving on the committee drawing up requirements for the Masters Degree which will soon be published by the State Bureau of Education.

SANDBURG

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published work, *THE PEOPLE*,



CARL SANDBURG

YES, and rendered several passages from it. Seasoned with delightful bits of humor, this work apparently is intended to reveal the character, mind, and spirit of the whole people—the masses.

The concluding feature of the poet's presentation was a recital of songs selected from *THE AMERICAN SONGBAG*, an anthology of folk songs compiled by himself. He accompanied himself with a guitar.

TREASURE HUNT

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down to the brook. Following devious paths, the girls at last came upon an old abandoned train in which the treasure was concealed. After diligent searching, Helvi Wintturi claimed the prize.

The hikers then proceeded to the reservoir, where a fire was built, and hot dogs toasted. Perched on the dam, they quickly devoured their lunches.

They slowly straggled home, and although they had an interesting trip, many were inwardly praying that their legs would soon transport them to a haven of rest.

**MARTILLA TO MARRY
N. Y. GIRL SUNDAY**

Paul Martilla of the Sophomore class, will be married to Miss Laura Raita, of Portchester, N. Y., at Portchester, on May 2.

Paul, the youngest male member of his class, is circulation manager for *THE STICK*, assistant manager of baseball, and a member of the Intra-Mural Board.

The couple will live in Worcester while Paul continues his studies.

CONFERENCE

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in harmony, on the whole, with the practical aims and idealistic tendencies of the group.

Miss Marie von Bergen, editor of the Bridgewater publication and presiding officer at today's Conference, has arranged an all-inclusive program: presenting the delegates with full opportunity for both business and social contacts. The highlights of the affair will be an address by Howland Ratcliffe, feature editor of the Boston Transcript, and an evening concert by the Bridgewater Glee Club.

Our editor-in-chief, in a last minute interview, said: "The Stick is chiefly concerned at this conference with the question of College credits for staff members. No other business being accomplished, I will feel well repaid if the meeting gives me a satisfactory report to present to Dr. Herlihy."

The Fitchburg delegation will be under the active sponsorship of Mr. Hague, who is scheduled to conduct a panel discussion on Printing Problems and Make-Up.

FROM OUR JUNIOR HIGH

The Junior Journal published its quarterly spring issue last week. The features are letters from other junior high schools, spring stories, continuation of the school history, and pages and pages of jokes and cartoons.

CAMPUS
CHATTER = by =
Benny

Problems always appear big when incompetent people are working on them.

At this time of year there is a tendency to feel lazy and let down on our work a bit. Lets get a firm hold on ourselves and keep our standards high for the few remaining weeks.

Anderson last week should have been Andersen. You wouldn't let a little "o" keep you from your Pearl, would you, John?

Some mentioned romances nearly caused trouble, but because yours was mentioned doesn't mean that you must become engaged. Remember that no engagement can last, unless it is built upon a stone foundation.

Discovered that Donovan is a junior, whereas Donovan Junior is a freshman.

If you two Kings will come across with some Jack, I'll tell you your Queen.

Would liked to have gone on that "Hay-hay ride" myself last week. Boys, did you enjoy the lunches?

Creamer and Wolfson enjoyed themselves, should have included them in last weeks list.

What could be more romantic than a girl, a lunch, a boy, some hay, and a drive in the rain in the driving rain.

Some of the boys in the dorm have organized a no-swear club. Any member caught swearing is to be poked in the arm by any of the members present. There are some real stiff arms about.

Sign Supplement Pledges Now.

KENDALL
the
CATERER

Suppose, as Baccaro says, that a scholar should be well grounded in his subject. What about an aviator?

When Don Lytle returned from the big city with his tale of the mixup he had with the slot machine, I thought nothing of it. He's a grammar master. But when Hollis Moore, ace of P. A. men, came back and confessed that he was baffled by a little slot machine, I began to think that there was something to it after all.

In the sophomore science class one student shines. When asked how a balloon was operated she replied, "It ascends with a lot of empty bags, when it wants to come down they fill the bags with sand."

BENNY HEARS:

That the only time some men encourage a girl to keep her chin up is when they want to kiss her.

That the barber said, "It won't be long now," as he put the clippers to Jim Baker's head.

That "Mo" Some's brought home the bacon in the form of fifteen trout. Not bad for the first catch of the season.

That Hollis Moore has tried his luck, but will have to work hard to beat "Mo"

That the dorm students were pleased to be allowed to make up their groups to sit with at meals.

That Santa Claus is the only man who ever pays any attention to silk stockings when there is nothing in them.

Thanks to Norma Richardson

On Seeing A. Coed.

Nonchalantly tripping, potential dynamite,

On her way to classroom, truly a pleasing sight;

Trimly poised, face, form, and and clothes—absolutely right.

And, though of a pattern, common as day and night,

Who knows but the historic scroll, that's still unwound and tight,

May even now have her all tagged—potential dynamite?

For Fate may be explosive and queer as dynamite,

When bound up in a woman, background, customs despite,

And since we saw one shake a throne, she too may once invite,

We know not when or where or how, the whole world's focus light.

And so I'll label, but not judge (granted, my phrase is trite), Every good looking girl that breathes—potential dynamite.

Dedicated to Thomas Sweeney.

"Are you a college student?"

No. A horse stepped on my hat."

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